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Response dated January 11, 2005  
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Inventors: Yoshi Ono

Serial No: 10/602,194

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Title: LOW TEMPERATURE  
NITRIDATION OF SILICON**PATENT  
APPLICATION**Attorney Docket No.  
SLA0669

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Sir:

This communication responds to an Advisory Action dated December 10, 2004 in the above identified patent application. The submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 was previously submitted on 11/15/2004, in response to an office action dated August 16, 2004. The submission on 11/15/2004 was a Request for Continued Examination, which was mischaracterized as an

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**REMARKS**

The submission on 11/15/2004 included a coversheet entitled RCE Transmittal, which authorized a \$790.00 fee as required for an RCE, along with a Preliminary Amendment in Support of RCE Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, which was

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**CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I**

(Column 1)		(Column 2)
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))		
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))		minus 20 =
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))		minus 3 =
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d))		

\* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2.

**SMALL ENTITY**

RATE	FEE
	\$ 395
x 9 =	
x 44 =	
+ 150 =	
TOTAL	

**OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY**

RATE	FEE
	\$ 790
x 18 =	
x 88 =	
+ 300 =	
TOTAL	

**CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II**

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**AMENDMENT A**

(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	19	22
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	3	3
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))		

**SMALL ENTITY**

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x 9 =	
x 44 =	
+ 150 =	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

**OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY**

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x 18 =	
x 88 =	
+ 300 =	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

**AMENDMENT B**

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CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	22	22
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	3	3
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))		

**SMALL ENTITY**

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x 9 =	
x 44 =	
+ 150 =	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

**OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY**

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x 18 =	
x 88 =	
+ 300 =	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

**AMENDMENT C**

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CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))		
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))		
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))		

**SMALL ENTITY**

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x 9 =	
x 44 =	
+ 150 =	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

**OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY**

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x 18 =	
x 88 =	
+ 300 =	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

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